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City Nixes K Street Tunnel Closing, Will Study 25th & K Crossing

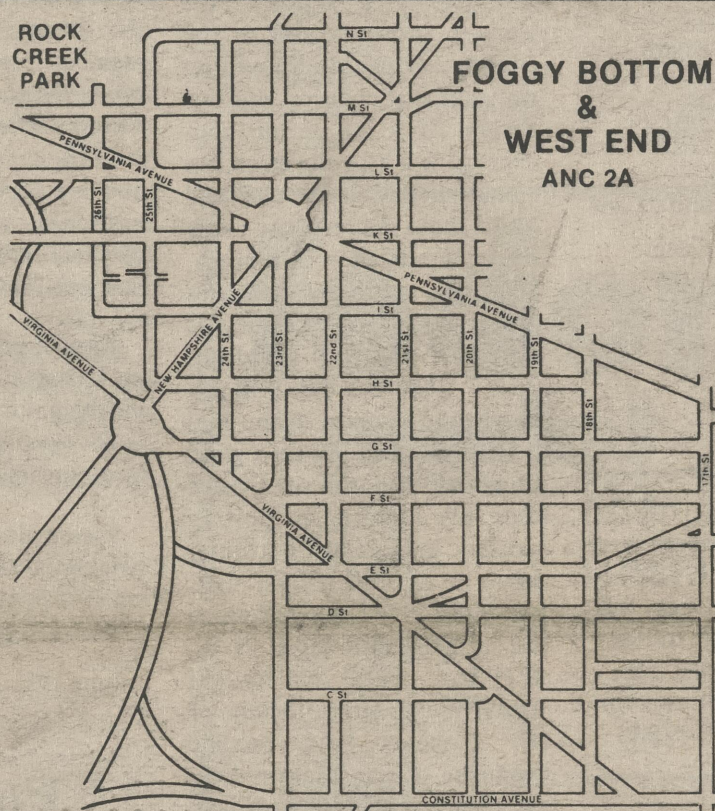
by Robert C. Brewster

Responding to the ANC's recent request that the 26th and K Street tunnel be closed and the pedestrian cycle at 25th and K Street be lengthened, a D.C. official decided not to close the tunnel and said the city is "looking into the possibility" of making design improvements to the 25th and K Street intersection. The ANC, joined by the FBA, has acknowledged the city's decision but asked that the tunnel be fixed up and specified changes that should be made at the 25th and K Street crossing.

John E. Touchstone, Director, D.C. Department of Public Works, in a May 7 letter, told the Foggy Bottom and West End ANC of his decision on the ANC's two March requests. (See FBA News for March for complete text.) Stating that the Metropolitan Police Force does not feel that the presence of the tunnel contributes to crime, and citing an April count which showed that 210 persons used the tunnel during a ten-hour period on a typical day, Touchstone concluded that closing the tunnel "is not in the best interest of the neighborhood." The Transportation Systems Administration, Touchstone wrote, is looking into the possibility of making design improvements to the 25th and K Street intersection during the next fiscal year. It will consider timing changes of the pedestrian cycle as part of its analysis, he wrote.

ANC Chair Steve Levy acknowledged on behalf of the ANC and the FBA the city's decision but asked that the Department of Public Works repair the tunnel and arranged to clean it regularly. Levy's June letter to Touchstone welcomed the proposed study of the 25th and K Street crossing and listed actions which should be taken to improve safety at this busy intersection: lengthen the pedestrian cycle, mark the WALK light buttons more conspicuously, properly mark and equip the east end of the crossing, install larger red lights, etc. The FBA and ANC also asked that the Foggy Bottom/West End community be involved in the study from its outset.

Foggy Bottom/West End residents who wish to add their voices to efforts to get the Department of Public Works to address these



Mayor Barry Meets with FBA and ANC

On May 14 a meeting was held between Mayor Marion Barry and the members of the ANC and FBA Executive Board. Reproduced below are the agenda prepared by FBA and ANC, which served as an outline for oral presentations by Steve Levy, ANC Chair, and Ellie Becker, FBA President, and a letter sent later to the Mayor summarizing the discussion.

DETAILED AGENDA FOR MAY 14, 1985 MEETING BETWEEN THE HONORABLE MARION S. BARRY, THE BOARD OF FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 2A

This agenda presents the several major issues of the most concern to the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) and to ANC2A. The statement of the issue is followed by a concise statement of the action the FBA and/or ANC are requesting.

Issue: The Department of Public Works is unresponsive and the services provided to the Foggy Bottom and West End community have sharply deteriorated. Services must be improved.

Requested Actions On The Department of Public Works:

- Direct Public Works to check directly with both the FBA President and ANC Chair prior to taking actions in our area. Publication or a letter after the fact or with an unreasonably short deadline are not adequate.
- Have the DPW Divisions be responsive: answer letters promptly and follow up on phone requests — not just ignore them.

Issue: The currently recommended alternative for rehabilitation and modification of the Whitehurst Freeway spends an enormous amount of funds (\$60 million) on the portion of the freeway outside Foggy Bottom and ignores the residential portion of the freeway and the effect that the intrusion of this commuter traffic has on the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhood. In addition, it does not meet the legal requirements for a Federal-Aid Highway project. Foggy Bottom and West End taxpayers deserve a fair share of the total amount spent on the freeway. Reconstruction must not proceed without providing adequate protection to our residents from the onslaught of freeway

Meeting

Foggy Bottom Association

Monday, June 24

Election Meeting

8:00 P.M.

St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Nominees for June 24, 1985, FBA Election

Officers:

<i>President</i>	Robert Brewster 2528 Queen Anne's Lane
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<i>Secretary</i>	Kent Blumenthal 2000 F St., NW
<i>Treasurer</i>	Richard Price 2555 Pa. Ave., NW Geoffrey Tyler 949 25th St., NW

Executive Board Nominees:

Robert Alcorn 1010 25th St., NW	Bernard Moss Columbia Plaza 2450 Va. Ave., NW
Robert Charles 918 25th St., NW	Dorothy Ohliger 940 25th St., NW
Isabella Geppert 2555 Pa. Ave., NW	Grace Watson 2521 Queen Anne's Lane
Morella Hansen 2415 I St., NW	Edward Schleifstein 2510 Va. Ave., NW
Beth Marcus 1001 26th St., NW	Alice Tilson 2515 K St., NW

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Bob Alcorn, Chairman
Friends of the West
End Library

Parents of Foggy Bottom Babies

The playground
upkeep fund needs
your help.

Send contributions
to:

Maryanna Kieffer
2409 Eye St., N.W.

Summer Library Hours

The summer hours of the DC Library System went into effect on June 17. The West End Library hours now are:

Monday & Wednesday:
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
9:30 am to 5:30 pm

The West End Branch is closed
Saturday and Sunday.

Note About Summer Trash Pickups

The regulations for trash pickup are even more important in the summer's heat. Please remember: trash is to be put out *no earlier than the evening before the scheduled pickup*. For most of our neighborhood, pickups are Tuesday and Friday mornings, and if there is a Monday holiday it is Wednesday and Friday, etc.

Bags or piles of trash put out on Friday evening or Saturday morning not only look unsightly for several days, but can attract unwanted critters.

Please do not burden your neighbors with the sight (and smell) of your trash!

Editor's Mailbox

Would it be possible from time to time to publish a map of the Foggy Bottom area, showing tract squares, the ANC zones, and so on? Your articles give a great deal of information, but frequently references are to other than street addresses, and those of us like myself who are new to the area have a difficult time relating to unknown locations.

I would suggest that such a map be published every six months, with a note that it should be kept for reference. This would also allow for updating the map for changes.

Yours sincerely,
Stephen M. Lott

Editor's Note:

A good idea. We'll pursue it for the fall.

City Nixes Tunnel Closing

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two longstanding neighborhood problems are invited to write directly to John E. Touchstone, Director, D.C. Department of Public Works, 415 12th Street, N.W., Room 508, Washington, D.C. 20001.

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Crimewatch

by Bob Alcorn

Two more blocks have been completed and a third is just about ready in our ongoing effort to completely cover the Foggy Bottom West End area with Crime Watch signs. During the past month, Jon Nowick called to announce that the 1000 block of 26th is now fully covered and the paperwork is done. The 1100 block is also in order. Mr. Heide of the Westbridge tells me they are also organized, have talked with security at the office building next door and will soon have the paperwork to me. The 2400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue is now complete. Mrs. Gay of 2400 has called in her name and as soon as she can get a little help within the building, she will also forward the forms. Congratulations, neighbors! Come on now, let me hear from more of you. How many more blocks will we have this time next month?

We have had reports concerning the breaking into of laundry machines at both Letterman House and The York on F Street. The method used was exactly the same as happened in apartment houses north of K Street last summer. One of the main problems with these two new situations is that there is no real supervision of the areas and some method will have to be set up — either locked doors openable by individual keys or a token system instead of coins. Many of our buildings now use the token system which safeguards the machines and reduces the possibility of burglary. Laundries are very vulnerable and building residents all over the area should pay particular attention to stran-

gers, reporting to responsible people if something is out of the ordinary. Remember: if you have a crime in your building do report it immediately to the police so that at least they can be aware that thieves are operating in a given area and the police may be able to connect yours to another happening and thereby establish a pattern. At least in reporting it, you have given the neighborhood watch another statistic with which to fight for more police, better protection, and better means to combat thievery in buildings.

Two bicycles were stolen from a locked storage area at the Swarthmore recently. Neither owner wanted to report the theft to the police and by the time we were able to convince them that it was important, a week had gone by and any evidence was stale. But at least we were able to alert other buildings with similar storage areas that they should also check out their rooms and be careful. Security could be beefed up and police could be on the lookout for the bikes. Remember . . . do report immediately.

I'm still seeing women hang their purses on the backs of chairs in restaurants in our area, particularly in outdoor cafes. This is the surest way to lose a valuable possession. Be more careful. It only takes a second to grab and run off. Put your bag where you can see it at all times. Then it can go home with you. . . .

Keep up the good work over the summer . . . keep getting crime watch blocks filled in and do call me or the crime watch chairman in your area if you see something.

See you at the next ANC and Foggy Bottom meetings?

Join the FB Public Space Survey

When Ann Hoey of the Department of Public Works visited the FBA, an idea for a comprehensive survey of our area was mentioned. Now that the DPW has finished its reorganization, perhaps the time is right to get it started. Here's what is needed.

Any resident who is interested in helping with the survey should make a list of repairs he or she sees is needed, such as dead or dying trees, sidewalks or streets needing work, sewer intakes blocked, badly littered public areas, broken curbs, potholes, etc.

They should be listed by block, such as "800 block of

New Hampshire," or the like. The location and problem should be described as clearly and precisely as possible.

Send this list with your name, address and phone number to me at 2528 Eye Street, NW, 20037, by July 15. I will coordinate them, working with Mary Healy, and we'll have a good overall picture of what is needed, and can then pursue them with DPW.

We need people from all over the neighborhood who will be good observers and who will pinpoint our public works needs. So get out your notebooks, make lots of notations, and put them in good order to send to me. Many thanks.

Ellie Becker

Jean Rolph Succumbs to Cancer

In April 11 we lost a good neighbor, Jean Rolph, who lived at 24th & Eye Streets. Jean died in George Washington University Hospital of cancer. She had had an earlier bout with cancer and for sometime had been well enough to resume her normal life.

A favorite pastime was her garden, both in front of her house and to the side, and her efforts considerably brightened the area. Because she volunteered to help with the Spring Fling, Jean became an "instant expert" in street closing petitions (which she circulated at least twice). She also delivered the *FBNews* to her part of Eye Street and some of New Hampshire Avenue.

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She is survived by her daughter Jenifer Seal, and two sisters. Jenifer is now living in Jean's house, and carrying on the gardening tradition. Our condolences to her.

Royal is Downbeat Royalty

Eye Street's Chris Royal and his colleagues have provided music for several FBA Block Parties. Chris has lived with his brother George while attending Howard University, taking classes while performing on all possible occasions. One recent engagement found him in the "42nd Street" orchestra during its run at the National Theatre.

Chris and a younger brother Chuck both finished Howard this spring, and both performed with the renowned Howard Jazz Ensemble. This year the annual recording made by the Ensemble resulted in Chris' winning two awards. He received *Downbeat Magazine's* College Awards for extended jazz composition and for jazz performance. Congratulations!!

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Candidates for FBA

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Robert C. Brewster (Nominee for President)

Bob Brewster is a consultant and retired Foreign Service Officer. He and his wife, Mary, have lived in Foggy Bottom at 2528 Queen Anne's Lane since 1966 with the exception of a period when they were stationed abroad.

Currently vice president, Bob has worked on the bus ban and the Whitehurst Freeway, helped with the West End Branch Public Library, was a member of the FBA/ANC 26th and K PUD Committee, and helps plant and maintain the public park at 26th and Queen Anne's Lane. He is a D.C. Commissioner on Aging for Ward 2.

cil, and testified for the FBA and the ANC at the National Park Service hearing on the Georgetown Waterfront Park. Handy served as a member of the community committee which reviewed the Planned Unit Development at 26th and K Streets, and participated in the negotiations with the developer for a residential-only use covenant and additional offstreet parking spaces. Continuing and special interests are the improvement of street lighting in the area and participation in the Public Space Project (maintaining the small city park at 26th & Eye Streets).

Kent J. Blumenthal (Nominee for Secretary)

Kent Blumenthal is Associate for Public Affairs and Legislation for the National Recreation and Park Association, located in Alexandria, Virginia. He has been a resident of Foggy Bottom, at 2000 F Street, for several years, and hopes to use his administrative skills to benefit the neighborhood directly in the capacity of FBA Secretary. Prior to moving to Foggy Bottom, he was active in the Connecticut Avenue/Greenwood Knolls Civic Association in Maryland.

Holley G. Handyside (Nominee for Vice President)

Holley G. ("Handy") Handyside has resided in and owned a home in Foggy Bottom since September, 1962. By profession he is a Foreign Service Officer. Currently FBA Transportation Issues Chairman, he testified on the proposed redesign of the Whitehurst Freeway at the DOT public hearing and before the Transportation Committee of the D.C. Coun-

Richard Price (Nominee for Treasurer)

Richard Price has been a resident of Foggy Bottom for eight years — 2½ years at 2400 Virginia Avenue and 5½ years at 2555 Pennsylvania Avenue. For the past year he has worked with the ANC on its computer data project for historic preservation. He is especially interested in historic preservation matters and efforts to improve the condition and attractiveness of our streets and green spaces.

Price is a specialist in health legislation for the Congressional Research Service of the U.S. Congress, where he is responsible for various budgetary and financing issues in Federal health programs.

Geoffrey Tyler (Nominee for Treasurer)

Geoffrey Tyler is owner, 949 25th Street, resident of Foggy Bottom since 1966. He is an economist employed as Assistant Director, International Monetary Fund and holds degrees in physics/mathematics, and in economics. Active in FBA and ANC (Bus Ban, ANC rep. on Whitehurst Freeway Steering Comm., Chair ANC Comm. on closing of I Street).

Platform: I had experience for two years as treasurer of a non-profit organization with a turnover in excess of that of the FBA; familiar with budgets, accounts and balance sheets. However, the Treasurer must contribute to all aspects of the FBA. I place prime importance on residential character of all sections of FB. We must be united to resist pressures from outside interests. I am opposed to the damage from developers, e.g. infiltration of offices, hotels, clinics, etc. We need more protection from major problems caused by through traffic, much generated by the Whitehurst: danger to pedestrians, especially children and the elderly, noise and pollution, and parking problems. D.C. must be aware of our problems and the fact that we are an important and cohesive residential community, which will fight for its rights.

I shall be hardworking and shall represent fairly all areas of FB. My length of residence and my active role in community affairs have familiarized me with the problems of all parts of FB.

BOARD MEMBERS

Robert Alcorn (Board Nominee)

Bob Alcorn is a longtime resident of Foggy Bottom and the West End and lives at the Swarthmore Apartments on 25th Street. Actively engaged in the fight for preservation of residential housing, he has worked for many years toward maintaining rental housing and establishing condo-coop buildings for residential uses only, and has been part of numbers of committees on the city and local levels to that end. He was one of the founders of the Friends of the West End Library, established the Neighborhood Crime Watch, serves on the board of Miriam's Kitchen which feeds the homeless, and on numerous other committees which are devoted to public services, parks, traffic flow problems, etc. He was one of the team which saved the Swarthmore for housing and converted it to condo living. He has long been active in neighborhood problems and has always believed that the Foggy Bottom Association should represent the needs and views of all the residents who live within its bounds. He has served on the Foggy Bottom Board for several years.

Robert H. Charles (Board Nominee)

Bob Charles is President of Access to Telecommunications Inc., a D.C.-based independent news service. A resident of Foggy Bottom for several years, he has served as President of the FBA, was co-chairman 1982 of Ward Two Task Force on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to adjust pertinent boundaries. Bob is also Ward Two representative on the Democratic State Committee. He holds a bachelor's degree from Yale College and has done graduate study at Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.

Isabella Geppert (Board Nominee)

Isabella Geppert has lived in Foggy Bottom for over 25

years. Since 1979 she has resided at the Westbridge. Before moving there, she lived at Poto-mac Plaza Terraces where she served on the Board of Directors for two years and as Board President in 1982/1983.

For five years she has represented St. Stephen's Church on the West End Laymen's Association, an ecumenical group from all the churches in the area. She also served four years on St. Stephen's Parish Council. She has delivered the *Foggy Bottom News* for the past five years, has participated in FBA membership drives and has served on the FBA Board during the last year.

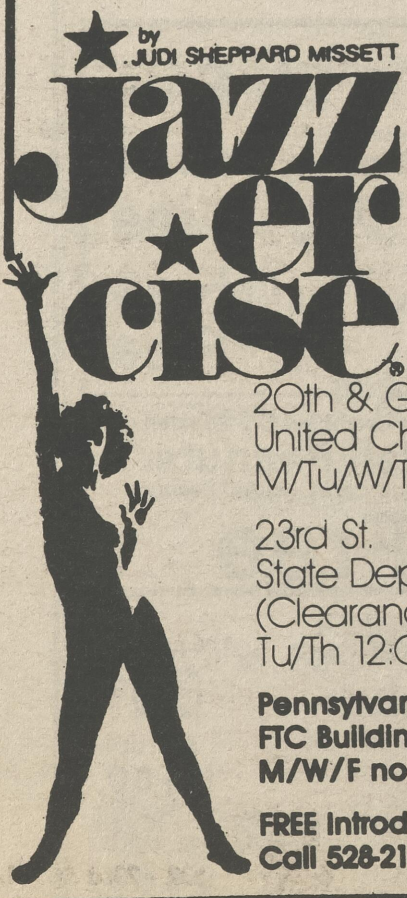
Morella R. Hansen (Board Nominee)

Morella Hansen received a B.A. from Stanford in 1944. After doing graduate work at Smith College, she worked as a research assistant at the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. In 1947 she transferred to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee from which she retired in 1978.

She bought 2415 Eye Street in 1955 and joined the FBA the following year. She has held various FBA offices over the years and frequently prepared the coffee for FBA meetings and delivered the *Foggy Bottom News*.

Beth Marcus (Board Nominee)

A Foggy Bottom resident for a total of 16 years, Beth Marcus has 12 years professional experience setting standards for housing development and protecting the interests of homeowners and tenants. As a D.C. Government official, Beth wrote and administered the city's first



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condo/co-op consumer protection laws. She also co-founded the main D.C. condo/co-op advocacy group. Beth now works for "Fannie Mae" where she has developed programs to help co-op owners obtain financing.

Beth believes the neighborhood must stay united to defend its residential character. She has lived in Foggy Bottom as a student at GWU, a tenant at the Jefferson House, and, for the last seven years, as an owner at Potomac Overlook where she has been condo vice president. Beth has a strong interest in historic preservation and belongs to several preservation societies.

During her years in Foggy Bottom, Beth has supported the activities of the Foggy

Bottom Association. Among Beth's most enjoyable experiences was organizing a booth for the FBA Spring Fling.

Bernard Moss
(Board Nominee)

Bernard Moss has been a resident of Foggy Bottom for ten years, residing at Potomac Plaza Terraces and currently at Columbia Plaza. His background experience includes service as a Legislative Aide in the U.S. Senate and Congressional Liaison Officer, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. At present he is President, Moss Associates, Inc., a legislative consulting firm. He wishes to take a more active role in the neighborhood as a member of the FBA Executive Board.

She is an active participant in Foggy Bottom Association and ANC affairs in an effort to keep Foggy Bottom residential.

She is a former Foggy Bottom Association Executive Board Member and was elected to the board in 1980 and 1981. She also is a member of the West End Citizens' Association.

She supported the bus ban and helped stimulate a public outcry to keep the area's only Safeway food store in the Watergate complex. She testified at the special public hearings on the Whitehurst Freeway/K Street Tunnel and has participated in numerous FBA spring and fall block parties.

She is employed by Scripps Howard Newspapers as an Executive Assistant.

Edward Schleifstein
(Board Nominee)

Edward Schleifstein has been a resident of Watergate East since 1965. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Watergate East and has served on the Board of the National Association of Watch Material and Jewelry Distributors of America.

Schleifstein is also a member

of several fraternal, social, and charitable organizations and is an incumbent member of the Board of the FBA.

He retired from business in 1981. He was last associated with W. Bell & Company.

Alice Tilson
(Board Nominee)

Alice Tilson retired from her duties as a secretary at the U.S. Postal Service last year. She has been a resident of Foggy Bottom for 22 years, having moved into 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. in April, 1963 and to the Bader in August of 1981.

Alice is an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and, if you went to the recent Rummage Sale, you may have seen her there selling. One of her favorite pastimes is taking walks through Foggy Bottom,

Georgetown, and the Dupont Circle area. She has a real interest in what is happening in our community.

Grace E. Watson
(Board Nominee)

Grace Watson currently is serving her first term on the FBA Executive Board. She has been a resident of Queen Anne's Lane since 1969 and has worked with committees dealing with the bus ban and new construction in the area.

As Chief of the Training Operations Branch in the U.S. Department of Education, Ms. Watson is responsible for training the Department's professional and secretarial/clerical employees. She is on the Board of Directors of the National School Volunteer Program, Inc., and has been a member of D.C. organizations seeking to improve the community.

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Dorothy Ohliger
(Board Nominee)

Dorothy Ohliger has lived in Foggy Bottom for over 30 years — first in the President Apartments, followed by the Alamac Apartments (now the River Inn Hotel), and in 1978 moving into the Claridge House Cooperative.

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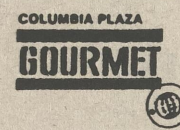
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A Different Opinion on the Governor Shepherd

by Edward J. Lenkin

The Foggy Bottom News published rebuttal testimony of our ANC in the Governor Shepherd Apartments Historic Landmark Designation Application. We have a different opinion of the historical nature of this building and disagree with the ANC's application and testimony. Through its witnesses and professional experts the ANC presented a complete and honest case. I feel we did the same, and I'd like to present to you the bulk of our rebuttal testimony which was submitted concurrently with the ANC.

Based upon the testimony and evidence of record, the Applicant failed to carry its burden of proving that the application for designation meets any of the criteria specified in D.C. Law 2-144. Specifically, the Applicant has not shown how the Governor Shepherd meets any of the designation criteria established by this Review Board. The Applicant has also failed to address the fundamental issue of the quality of the building; no critical evaluation of this apartment building in relation to Abel's other work or other apartment buildings of the period was forthcoming. The Governor Shepherd falls short on both comparisons.

Furthermore, the Review Board's professional staff has found that the Governor Shepherd meets neither the Review

Board's criteria for designation nor the National Register's criteria for listing. The staff found that the "Governor Shepherd is not an example of the International Style" and the building "does not exemplify the best or most definitive example" of Abel's "creative, adaptive and eclectic approach to apartment house design." The staff further notes that the Governor Shepherd did not "provide a social service of more exceptional importance than other contemporary and extant apartment houses in housing middle class workers during the World War II years." This evaluation was made by an architectural historian with extensive experience with the designation criteria and process and it should be given great consideration.

Points in Opposition

1. The Governor Shepherd Meets None of the Criteria Established by the Historic Preservation Review Board

The Criteria for Designating Historic Landmarks and Historic Districts contained in the final rules for this Review Board, which were published April 12, 1985, state:

Historic and prehistoric buildings, building interiors, structures, monuments, works of art or other similar objects, areas, places, sites, neighborhoods, net-

works, and cultural landscapes shall be designated as Historic Landmarks or Historic Districts if:

- (a) They possess one or more than one of the following values or qualities:
 - (1) They are the site of significant events or are associated with persons, groups, institutions or movements that contributed significantly to the heritage, culture or development of the National Capital or the Nation;
 - (2) They exemplify the significant military, political, economic, social, scientific, technical, educational, historical, archaeological, architectural or artistic heritage of the National Capital or the Nation;
 - (3) They embody the distinguishing characteristics of architectural styles, building types, types or methods of construction, landscape architecture, urban design or other architectural, aesthetic or engineering expressions significant to the appearance and development of the National Capital or the Nation;
 - (4) They have been identified as notable works of craftsmen, artists, sculptors, architects, landscape architects, urban planners, engineers, builders or developers whose works have influenced the evolution of their fields of endeavor, or the development of the National Capital or the Nation;
 - (5) They contained information about or evidence of historic or prehistoric events, processes, institutions, design, construction, settlement patterns, or other facets of earlier cultures that is known or established likely to be important to knowledge or understanding of such cultures; or
 - (6) In the case of natural forms or settings, or substantially natural forms or settings, they reflect significant patterns of settlement or

use of the landscape as well as the continuum and evolution of cultural attitudes, norms and values towards the land; and

- (b) They possess sufficient integrity to convey, represent, or contain the values and qualities for which they are judged significant; and
- (c) Sufficient time has passed since they achieved significance or were constructed to permit professional evaluation of them in their historical context.

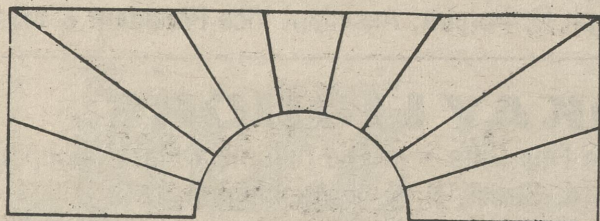
The Governor Shepherd does not meet Criterion 1 because it was not the site of significant events and was not associated with persons contributing significantly to the heritage, culture or development of the District of Columbia. This criterion is directed toward the general historical significance of the building and no one has stated that this criteria is relevant to the Governor Shepherd.

The Governor Shepherd does not meet Criterion 2 because it does not exemplify the significant or unique military, political, economic, social, scientific, technical, educational, historical, archaeological, architectural or artistic heritage of the National Capital or the Nation. Again, no evidence was put forth linking the Governor Shepherd to this criteria.

The Governor Shepherd fails to meet Criterion 3 because it does not embody distinguishing characteristics of any architectural style, including the International Style. The facade of the Governor Shepherd is an eclectic collection of stylistic concepts and details that do not work together to create a successful design. The building lacks the asymmetry and volumetric quality that set the International Style apart from other modernistic buildings. More importantly, it is not a

product of, nor does it express, the revolutionary spirit that was the essence of the International Style. The Governor Shepherd is not an International Style building, much less one of the first buildings of that style in Washington. If the more inclusive definition of international modernism and international functionalism are used, the building is even further diminished as its context for evaluation is broadened. The applicant has noted, but failed to demonstrate, the significance of the forced air ventilation system which has now lost its integrity and has not been operable for some time. The applicant has stated that the Governor Shepherd is typical of apartment buildings constructed to house the influx of government workers that occurred during the New Deal and World War II era. It has not shown, however, why the Governor Shepherd should be singled out above all of the other apartment buildings built for the same reason. Betty Bird, an architectural historian testifying for the owner of the building, presented an evaluation of the Governor Shepherd in the context of other apartments built during the period 1936-1940, among them the Majestic, 3200 16th Street, N.W., 1937, the Marlyn, 3901 Cathedral Avenue, N.W., 1938; and the General Scott, 1 Scott Circle, N.W., 1940. In this context the Governor Shepherd's unsuccessful design and Abel's somewhat old-fashioned Beaux Arts approach to the building are especially apparent.

The Governor Shepherd does not meet Criterion 4 because it is not a notable work of Joseph Abel, one of 20th-century Washington's most prolific architects. Betty Bird also presented testimony on a number of Abel's apartment buildings. The range of his work includes 2101 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., 1927; the Broadmoor, at Connecticut Avenue and Porter Street,



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N.W., 1928; The Shoreham Hotel, 1929; 2929 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., 1936; 2407 15th Street, N.W., 1937; 4801 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., with its sophisticated integration of traditional and modern design features and exceptional entrance, 1938; 2100 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., 1941; and the Rittenhouse, on upper 16th Street, N.W., 1955. Included in Abel's vast output were exceptional designs for apartment buildings in a variety of styles. His best work is characterized by well integrated facades, appropriate detailing, and carefully composed entrances. The Governor Shepherd exhibits none of the characteristics of Abel's best work. Indeed, it is one of his less successful compositions. Surely an architect capable of designing buildings as distinguished as 2101 and 2929 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., should be remembered for something better than the Governor Shepherd.

Criterion 5 and 6 deal primarily with archaeology and landscape issues and are not relevant to this case.

2. The Governor Shepherd Is Not Worthy of Designation On the Basis That It Has Been Published Or That It Is Somehow Representative, Neither of Which Are Included In the Criteria Adopted by the Board

To obscure the fact that it failed to demonstrate how the Governor Shepherd meets the designation criteria the Applicant attempted to justify the designation on the basis that the building had been published or that the strict criteria adopted by the Board should be loosely interpreted to encompass "representative" buildings. Both of these arguments are specious at best.

First, although the Applicant has shown that the Governor Shepherd was published, it has failed to demonstrate why articles about the building's tightly configured plan and forced air ventilation system set this building apart from Abel's other buildings. The Applicant has failed to evaluate the sources of publication and to establish ex-

actly what the significance of that publication might be. Furthermore, the Applicant failed to mention that 2407 15th Street, N.W., an Abel building comparable in many ways, although not stylistically, to the Governor Shepherd, is also mentioned in the Museum of Modern Art's Guide to Modern Architecture Northeast States. The entries on both buildings are short (less than four lines) and deal primarily with technical aspects of the buildings, such as the mechanical ventilation and the glass block screens on the balconies at 2407 15th Street, N.W. No mention is made of either the design or the plant of the Governor Shepherd. Unlike many of the other buildings cited in the book, the Governor Shepherd merits neither a photograph nor a plan. The mere publication of certain aspects of a building does not make that entire building significant or eligible for landmark designation, particularly, as here, when the basis for its publication has no relevance to the criteria required for landmark status.

The Applicant has not shown why the Governor Shepherd, out of all of the apartment buildings of its general date and type, and out of all of Joseph Abel's other buildings, merits designation. As the staff report and the Foggy Bottom Survey Form (prepared by Traceries, Inc.) indicate, professional evaluation does not support the individual designation of the Governor Shepherd.

Second, the argument that the criteria adopted by the Board embrace designation of "representative" buildings defies logic and is clearly not what was intended by the adoption of D.C. Law 2-144. The main problem with this position is that all buildings are "representative" of something, yet not all are, or should be, landmarks. To hold otherwise would make every building in the District of Columbia a landmark. Such reasoning avoids the critical evaluation so important to the integrity of both the process and the word "landmark."

Significantly, the designation criteria does not include "representative" as a reason for designation. The words used in the criteria are "significant," "distinguishing" and "notable." Only after a building has been judged significant is it appropriate, under the criteria, to then determine whether the building possesses sufficient integrity to represent the values and qualities judged significant. Used in this context, the term "represent" is clearly not synonymous with "representative."

CONCLUSION

The District of Columbia has one of the strongest landmark laws in the nation. It affords considerable protection of its landmark buildings. Consequently, these buildings must clearly possess the values or qualities set forth in the criteria, values and qualities that distinguish landmarks from buildings that are simply old or merely of interest, values and qualities that distinguish individually-designated landmarks from buildings in historic districts.

A decision that a building should not be designated does not deny the building's history or character; all buildings have a history and most have some character. Instead it signifies that the building does not possess the qualities that the law requires for the implementation of the extraordinary protection afforded by the law.

The criteria calls for a landmark to be notable, to be exemplary, in essence, to be special — not "representative." These standards should not be diluted or broadened so that ordinary "representative" buildings are singled out for landmark status. Such designations would have serious detrimental impacts on the historic preservation movement. If buildings like the Governor Shepherd are eligible for landmark status, what building in Washington would not be eligible?

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FBA Election

President's Message

Ellie Becker

The year has flown, and it's time to turn over the FBA gavel to another. I didn't get done a lot of things I might have (maybe should have), but I'm glad I had the experience. Let's face it, being elected by this great neighborhood is a real honor, and how many people can have some of the opportunities I had, including representing Foggy Bottom at a small meeting with the Mayor. (It was not just another humdrum day in my life, believe me!)

A lot of thanks are due, to Bob, Lois and Paul, the other officers, and to all the members of the Executive Board. And, of course, hats off to Debbie Cahill-Zelinka, who winds up three years as Editor of the *FBNews*. That's a lot of issues, and a lot of time given by a gal with several other careers, as wife, mother, and management negotiator. And to those who helped so much during her tenure, especially Donna St. John, Elizabeth Charette, Karen Jaehne, and Donna Costlow.

And to those who see that the papers get to their readers: we start with Mae Aaberg, who oversees the counting and sorting (and bulk deliveries), and to the distributors Paul Altemus, Ceil Aptaker, Janet Axtell, Mary Brewster, Bob Brewster, Randy Brooks, Betty Brown, Claire Ciftci, Marie Dolan,

Helen Marie Fruth, Isabella Geppert, Morella Hansen, Steve Levy, Anne Lomas, Marianna Moore, Jon Nowick, Kay O'Brien, Mel Ogden, Virginia Randolph, Donna St. John, Edith Stemple, Catherine Stokes, Tom Sweeney, and Judy Thomas. They have all been most faithful to their appointed rounds! We simply couldn't do it without them.

And thanks to all who encouraged, attended, suggested, and otherwise helped the FBA weather another year.

How's This Idea for a Party?

What do you think about having a kind of progressive block party sometime this summer or in early fall? It's an idea stolen from a good neighbor who suggests that half a dozen or so FBA members might play host at their homes on one evening, allowing partygoers to go from house to house (or just stay in one). Instead of one great large party outdoors, this would be a series of small ones, all going on at the same time. FBA could help with simple fare, a relatively small coterie of helpers would be needed, and it certainly would put the word "neighbor" back into our neighborhood party. And we have two volunteers already.

Who else is game, to host — or to assist hosts? Call me evenings at 337-5528 if you are.

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Mayor Barry Meets With FBA, ANC

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through traffic by a separation of commercial from residential traffic.

Requested Actions On The Whitehurst Freeway:

- As reconstruction is completed and present ramps are removed, more open land will be created west of 26th Street. Please indicate now what your plans are for these new areas. They should be dedicated as parkland or recreation areas with a commitment to maintain them.

- Resolve the Whitehurst Freeway issue as requested in the ANC letter to you, dated May 3, 1985. There is an obligation to come to grips with both the concerns expressed by Foggy Bottom and West End residents in the public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the conclusion of the Chairman of the D.C. Council's Committee on Public Works that, as it relates to Foggy Bottom, the present DEIS does not meet the legal requirements of a Federal Aid Highway Project.

Issue: The implementation of land use policies by the city has caused severe deterioration in our community's residential base and in the desirability of the neighborhood. The major aspects of this issue are:

- The Ward 2 Plan (of the Land Use Element) must aggressively protect residential areas from commercial/institutional intrusion and encourage additional residential growth.

- Changes in legislation or Zoning Regulations are needed to (a) increase the incentives to construct housing, and (b) prevent clinics, hotels or speculative office buildings for chanceries or non-profit organizations from replacing present or potential housing.

- The George Washington University must adopt a campus master plan that is fully detailed, retains existing residential uses and historic struc-

tures, and minimizes adverse impacts on the community.

- Delays in hearing historic landmark/district applications and a bias against our applications are destroying part of the fabric of our community.

Requested Actions On Land Use:

- Ward 2 Plan:** Direct the Office of Planning (OP), when they are preparing the Ward 2 Plan, to interpret the land use elements of the comprehensive plan to (1) allow maximum growth of residential areas, and (2) not suggest rezoning to commercial or institutional uses of any residential areas (either Residential, Special Purpose or mixed use zones which combine residential and commercial uses).

- Preserving and expanding housing stock:** Introduce legislation to help retain existing housing and to increase incentives for construction of long-term bonafide residential uses at all income levels, using tax or other incentives.

- Protecting existing residential areas:** Direct OP to request changes to Zoning Regulations:

- Where zoning districts presently allow both residential and commercial uses, a developer can presently put in a commercial use to the limit allowed and then make the balance residential. What is needed as an incentive is a slight increase in the residential Floor Area Ratio if commercial uses are prohibited in the project.

- Medical and dental clinics are presently matter of right uses in residential zones. These need to be removed as a matter of right uses because they have displaced many apartment uses.

- New hotels and inns are supposedly barred from Residential zones. However, the Zoning Regulations are loose enough to allow apartment house certificates of occupancy for buildings which are run as and even are named hotels. The need here is for the Zoning Regulations and licensing re-

quirements to be tightened up to prevent the further loss of housing.

- Zoning Regulations** presently allow speculative construction of new chanceries and offices for non-profit organizations in Residential zones, even in the absence of specific tenants. The regulations need to be changed to remove non-profit offices entirely as allowed uses in these zones and to require signed lease or sale agreements for specific foreign governments before approving a chancery. This change will allow us to meet the requirements of the Chancery Act and protect our housing.

- GWU Campus Master Plan:** The University is required, as the result of one BZA decision, to submit a revised campus master plan to the BZA for approval by the end of June 1985. The present plan dates from 1970, is of poor quality and lacks all specifics. The Office of Planning and BZA should require that the new plan (1) be at the same level of quality and detail as the latest plan approved for Georgetown University; (2) retain all existing residential uses and historic structures on campus; and (3) minimize adverse impacts on the surrounding community by, among other things, (a) locating undesirable uses away from residential areas, and (b) preventing further expansion of the campus. Both OP and the BZA can insist on a high quality plan which is responsive to community concerns and prevents many future disagreements as to what was intended.

- Historic Preservation:** The present city preservation office is understaffed to the point where it cannot handle competently, or on a timely basis, applications for designation of historic districts or landmarks. There has also been a bias against our applications which has resulted in the loss of housing. The preservation office needs more competent professional staff and management, and less bias against our applications.

The FBA and ANC need your help to accomplish these objectives.

May 23, 1985

Dear Mayor Barry:

Thank you for meeting on May 14, 1985 with the ANC2A Commissioners and the Executive Board of the Foggy Bottom Association. In our view, it was a useful discussion of issues of strong and immediate concern to Foggy Bottom/West End residents. In order to facilitate follow-up on the subjects we discussed, we have summarized in this letter our understanding of the response you made to our concerns. The listing of subjects follows that in our Summary Agenda which was the basis for the discussion.

Services Provided by the D.C. Department of Public Works:

You noted the views of Foggy Bottom/West End residents that services provided to them by the Department of Public Works have deteriorated and undertook to "get on top of it." A meeting is to be set up with the FBA President as the community contact.

Whitehurst Freeway (WHF):

You (1) recognized that the present proposal to rehabilitate the Whitehurst Freeway does not properly deal with the problems of Foggy Bottom/West End; (2) acknowledged that the draft EIS, as it relates to Foggy Bottom, does not meet the legal requirements for a Federal aid highway project; and (3) stated that the Environmental Impact Statement would not be issued until it does so. Noting that the high cost of the BPAG proposal had made you rule it out, you indicated your willingness to allocate to the WHF portion that transits the Foggy Bottom area a fair share of money to meet our concerns. With respect to the use of public land west of 26th Street, you said you would look into the possibility of using this for park land. It was agreed that Mr. Gilpin of the D.C. Department of Public Works will contact the chair of ANC2A Transportation Committee, Mrs. Maria Tyler, to coordinate discussions of solutions for the Whitehurst Freeway portion that transits Foggy Bottom/West End. This committee will consist of ANC2A and Foggy Bottom Association representatives, and representatives of the D.C. Department of Public Works.

Land Use

Zoning Problems: You indicated your complete agreement with the necessity of preserving residential neighbor-

hoods; expressed surprise that new or converted residential apartments are run as, and even named, hotels; and stated that you would ask Fred Green to meet with us to explore options, including specific amendments to zoning regulations, which would solve or ameliorate the problems discussed in the Summary Agenda paper. It was agreed that this meeting would be coordinated with Steve Levy, ANC Chairman.

Ward 2 Plan: You described your plan to create Community Advisory Committees, consisting of 30 to 35 members, to advise the Office of Planning on development of the ward plans, stated that we would be asked to nominate members and made the commitment that the Office of Planning would not be allowed to ignore our comments.

George Washington University Campus Master Plan: You indicated your understanding of and agreement with our aim of preventing further expansion of the GWU Campus. Specifically, referring to the GWU Master Plan, you concurred that it should be of as high quality as that for Georgetown University and that pending its submission and approval, no zoning applications by GWU should be approved, other than incidental authorization for continuance of parking lots.

Historic Preservation: You stated you would find out what the problem was with this office, improve the quality of staff work, and speed the process of hearing applications.

We look forward to solving with you and your administration the very real problems which we have brought to your attention.

Yours sincerely,

for the Commission
/s/ Steve Levy
Chairman

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/s/ Eleanor M. Becker
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